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In re Patent Application of:
Yun-Qing Shi et al.

Group Art Unit: 2621

Application No.: 10/737,327

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Hiding

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**PETITION TO CORRECT EXISTING PRIORITY CLAIM
DUE TO UNINTENTIONAL DELAY 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6)**

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept entry of a correction to the priority claim in the above-identified patent application to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/434,088, filed December 17, 2002. A preliminary amendment revising the first paragraph of the specification to reflect the correction in the priority claim has been filed on even date herewith. The facts of this case are as follows:

1. At the time of filing the above-identified patent application, the serial number of the aforementioned provisional patent application was inadvertently misplaced by the Applicant. Thus, the priority claim was made in the first paragraph of the above-identified patent application using all available information (i.e., the title, filing date, and inventor names).

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2. On or about June 21, 2004, the undersigned believed that the correct provisional patent application number was 60/527,789 and filed a preliminary amendment in the instant application such that the first paragraph of the specification would read as such.
3. On or about March 15, 2006, the Applicant and the undersigned discovered that the priority claim was in error because the recited serial number (60/527,789) was incorrect – the correct serial number is 60/434,088.
4. The entire delay between the date that the correct priority claim was due and even date herewith was unintentional.
5. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1370.00 to cover the fee under C.F.R. § 1.17(t). Applicant questions whether this fee is actually due in this case as the original priority claim was made with all information known to the Applicant, and subsequent corrections were made in good faith. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the U.S. Patent Office waive the fee.

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